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AN ADDITION TO THE AMERICAN CHECK LIST

In 1888 Cope (Proc. U. S. N. M.; 11, p. 388, pl. 36, fig. 3) described *Coluber rosaceus* from Key West, Florida. Probably because no recent specimens had been collected from the Keys, and because of a general predisposition to look askance at Copeian species based upon single specimens, Dr. Stejneger and I omitted this species from the Check List assuming that Cope probably had simply *Elaphe guttata*.

This year my associate, Mr. W. S. Brooks, made a short and fruitful trip to Big Pine Key. He found

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there a beautiful *Elaphe* which is now before me, alive. It is distinct, agrees well with Cope's description and occupies, especially with respect to color pattern, a peculiarly intermediate position between *E. guttata* and *E. quadrivittata*. There is, therefore, no doubt that *Elaphe rosacea* should stand as a valid addition to the list with the habitat Lower Florida Keys.

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